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1. OUTLINE OF CU PROPOSALS LEFT WITH P&C BY ANDREWS (EUR/EE) HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH KKI. THE APPROACH AND SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS WAS ALREADY FAMILIAR TO HUNGARIAN SIDE, SINCE IT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF EXCHANGES OF VIEWS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE, AND TO A LARGE EXTENT IS BASED ON ALREADY ON-GOING EXCHANGES. AS FAR AS IT GOES, THERE ARE NO INCOMPATIBILITIES IN PRINCIPLE BETWEEN THE IDEAS PUT FORTH BY CU AND KKI POSITIONS.
2. ALTHOUGH BOTH KKI AND EMBASSY HAVE PUT PRIMARY EFFORTS DURING PAST WEEKS ON SPEEDY WRAP-UP OF LAST DETAILS OF UMBRELLA AGREEMENT, HUNGARIAN SIDE IS ANXIOUS TO PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ELABORATION OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT.
3. BASED ON PROPOSALS MADE BY CU AND ON DISCUSSIONS WITH ROOT/SCI AT TIME OF HIS BUDAPEST VISIT ON THE ONE HAND AND ON EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH HUNGARIAN SIDE ON THE OTHER, EMBASSY VIEWS ON THE PROGRAM

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DOCUMENT QUESTION AND ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH ITS

DEVELOPMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. HUNGARIAN AND AMERICAN VIEWS ON THE GENERAL APPROACH TO THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EXCHANGES ARE FAIRLY SIMILAR AND COMPATIBLE.

B. THE HUNGARIAN SIDE IS AS COMMITTED TO RECIPROCITY, AND A BALANCED APPORTIONING OF PROGRAM COSTS AS THE US SIDE. BOTH SIDES ARE EQUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT EXCHANGES AND JOINT PROJECTS NEEDING TO PROCEED ON A BASIS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.

C. WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT BOTH CU AND SCI MAY BE UNDULY INFLUENCED BY UNFAVORABLE EXPERIENCES WITH ROMANIAN EXCHANGES, AND AS A RESULT MAY BE APPROACHING THE PROGRAM DOCUMENT EXERCISE WITH HUNGARY WITH MORE TREPIDATION AND RELUCTANCE TO CONCRETE COMMITMENTS, THAN THE LOCAL SITUATION WARRANTS OR CALLS FOR.

D. THE HUNGARIAN SIDE IS NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING RIGID QUOTAS, UNREALISTIC NUMERICAL RECIPROCITY, OR UNBALANCING THE PROGRAM TOWARD SCIENCE AND AWAY FROM CULTURE. IT IS PREPARED, WE BELIEVE, TO DEVELOP A FLEXIBLE, USEFUL, REALISTIC, AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE EXCHANGES PROGRAM, AND IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER A BROAD RANGE OF AREAS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH TO IMPLEMENT IT.

E. THE SEPARATE PROGRAM DOCUMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE AND SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED IN A PARALLEL FASHION, DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD. THIS WILL REQUIRE SOME EFFORT, SINCE THE NATURE OF THESE ACTIVITIES, AND THE DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION ARE QUITE DIFFERENT IN THE TWO CASES. WE ARE ALSO MUCH FARTHER ALONG IN UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER'S TERMS OF REFERENCE AND IN THE NUMBER OF ON-GOING EXCHANGES IN THE CULTURAL FIELD THAN WE ARE IN THE AREA OF SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY.

F. THE HUNGARIAN SIDE WISHES TO PROPOSE A NUMBER OF EXCHANGES, IN THE FIELDS OF THE PERFORMING ARTS, EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSLATIONS OF BOOKS, ETC... FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAM DOCUMENT. THESE MAY WELL END UP BEING UNACCEPTABLE TO US, AND THE GOH IS QUITE REALISTIC IN VIEWING THIS PROSPECT, BUT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY FOR CARRYING FORWARD THE CU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSALS BY THEMSELVES WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME DISCUSSING A WHOLE PACKAGE OF HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS OR WITHOUT NEGOTIATING AT THE SAME TIME ON THE SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL SIDE.

4. WHILE NO BASIC DIFFERENCES IN OBJECTIVES OR APPROACHES EXIST, THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND DETAILS WHICH NEED TO BE DISCUSSED, THE AREAS OF ACTIVITY WHICH NEED TO BE

COVERED, AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH NEED TO BE COORDINATED IS VERY LARGE. ACCORDINGLY THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS LASTING SEVERAL MONTHS WOULD BE TO HAVE A US DELEGATION COME TO BUDAPEST AND LAY THE BASIS FOR THE CULTURAL AND THE SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL PROGRAM DOCUMENTS THROUGH 2 OR 3 DAYS OF EXTENSIVE TALKS.

5. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT WORK ON THE PROGRAM DOCUMENTS COULD BE CONCLUDED DURING THAT TIME, THE TWO SIDES COULD AT LEAST AGREE ON MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS SUCH AS TYPES OF EXCHANGES, FORMS OF RECIPROCITY, AREAS OT BE COVERED, ETC... MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO FINISH THE DETAILS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND KKI IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

6. LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER WOULD BE THE MOST DESIRABLE TIME FOR THE VISIT OF SUCH A DELEGATION.

7. REQUEST DEPT'S VIEWS ON THESE PRO-
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